

VICTOR DE LA BRETONIERE

JULY 1, 1952.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. WALTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3140]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3140) for the relief of Victor de la Bretoniere, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant a waiver of the racial barrier to admission into the United States in behalf of a minor stepson of a United States citizen serviceman. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of citizens of the United States.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of the bill was born in the Netherlands East Indies on August 26, 1945, and is half Japanese. Following a divorce, the mother of the child was married before the American consul in Yokohama, Japan, on February 19, 1952, to Sgt. John W. McDonnell, a United States citizen serviceman serving with our Armed Forces in Japan. The mother is eligible to enter the United States as the wife of Sergeant McDonnell.

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, CAMP YOKOHAMA,
Yokohama, Japan, April 25, 1952.

HON. HUBERT HUMPHREY,
United States Senator.

DEAR SIR: While serving as a member of the United States Army in Japan I married Eugenie Emma de la Bretoniere, who is a citizen of Netherlands. She has a son, Victor, who is unable, due to current immigration laws, to enter the United States as he is of the Japanese race. He meets all other immigration requirements.

I request that you sponsor a private bill allowing entry of the boy into the United States. Due to a recent change in Army regulations, I am scheduled to depart from this command for the States on or about the 1st of August. If I am unable to bring the boy back with me, my wife would have to remain here also. This, of course, would cause undue hardships to both of us. Under present law I could not send her financial aid.

Legal procedure has already been inaugurated by Mr. John Walbran of Owa-tonna for formal adoption by me of the boy.

I know that you are busier at this time than normal, but would you please expedite this private bill as it is the only means I have of fulfilling my family obligations.

Due to the exigencies in this case I will phone you for your answer on the 2d of May.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. McDONNELL,
*Sergeant RA17238855, Headquarters Co.,
Camp Yokohama, APO 503, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.*

HEADQUARTERS, CAMP YOKOHAMA,
APO 503, May 8, 1952.

HON. HUBERT HUMPHREY,
United States Senate, Washington 25, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR HUMPHREY: The following information, as you requested, is forwarded to you in regards to Sgt. John W. McDonnell of Headquarters Company, Camp Yokohama, APO 503.

Sergeant McDonnell is due for rotation to the United States during the month of August 1952, and eligible for discharge from the Army in November 1952.

Under current Army directives now in effect in the Far East Command the Army withdraws logistical support such as the use of military payment certificates, commissary privileges, PX privileges, etc., to dependents who are not eligible for visas, 30 days after rotation of the enlisted man to the States. It has always been the policy of the Army to aid all military personnel in securing visas for dependents so that they will not become public charges or dependent on charity organizations.

Please feel free to call on me if you require additional information on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

E. C. SMITH,
CWO, United States Army, Assistant Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS, CAMP YOKOHAMA,
APO 503, May 10, 1952.

HON. HUBERT HUMPHREY,
United States Senate, Washington 25, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR HUMPHREY: Enclosed herewith is the certificate of marriage and a letter from the headquarters giving discharge and rotation dates.

The chaplain and the president of the local branch of the Bank of America are forwarding letters of character.

If I can be of any help whatsoever please let me know how.

Thanking you very much and praying that you will be able to pass this bill during this session, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. McDONNELL,
*Sergeant RA17038855, Headquarters Co., Camp Yokohama,
APO 503, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.*

MAY 8, 1952.

Hon. HUBERT HUMPHREY,
United States Senate, Washington 25, D. C.

DEAR SIR: I understand from Sgt. John W. McDonnell that it would be helpful to him to have a character reference in respect to a proposed bill which has your consideration relative to the entry of Sergeant McDonnell's wife and adopted child into the United States.

I have known Sergeant McDonnell for the last 2 years and consider him conscientious, dependable, and a trustworthy person. I further consider him serious and industrious, qualified to assume the responsibilities that he is undertaking.

Should you desire additional information in this respect, I should be very pleased to be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BACIGALUPI,
*Care of Bank of America N. T. and S. A.,
P. O. Box 208, Yokohama, Japan.*

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 3140) should be enacted.

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